

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **March 9, 2004**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 13

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Appropriate Funds to Continue Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) Bus Service at Night through June 30, 2004

RECOMMENDATION: Appropriate \$48,000 from the Reserve for General Fund Contingencies to fund the continuation of night bus service through June 30, 2004

SUMMARY:

On January 21, 2004, after reviewing the status of the current year budget and following much discussion, the GLTC Board of Directors voted unanimously to begin the process to discontinue night service beginning April 1, 2004. Of the various service elements (day service, night service, and Sunday service), night service generates the lowest ridership in the system.

A public hearing was held on Monday, March 1, 2004 at the Community Room of the Public Library. Approximately 40 individuals spoke in favor of retaining night service for various reasons.

At the March 2, 2004 Finance Committee meeting, it was recommended that City Council consider a resolution to appropriate \$48,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to continue night bus service through June 30, 2004. The Committee noted that, if funding were made available, bus patrons would have longer to find alternative transportation if night service was not funded in FY 2005. In addition, the Committee asked staff and the GLTC Board of Directors to develop options other than eliminating night service for discussion during FY 2005 budget deliberations.

Even with this proposed action, GLTC's operating budget will more than likely need a supplemental appropriation during the FY 2004 Third Quarter Review. Every effort is being made to limit expenditures and maximize revenues.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

Finance Committee, March 2, 2004 recommendation on a 2-1 vote.

BUDGET IMPACT: \$48,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies

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ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED That \$48,000 is hereby appropriated to the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) operating budget from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to extend night bus service through June 30, 2004.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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